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RYOU!!
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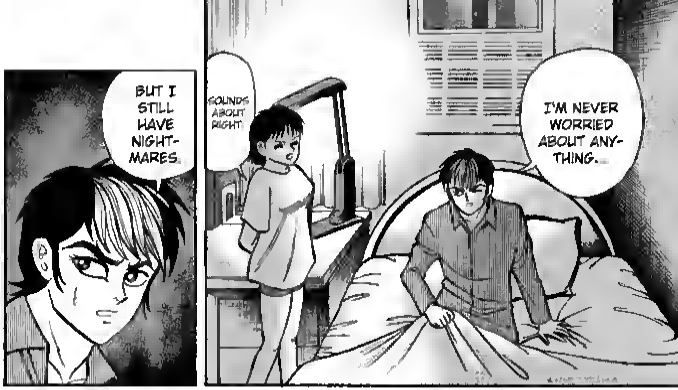
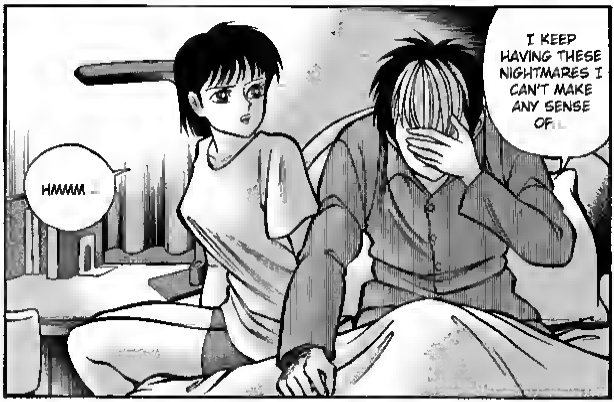
REALLY..?
I COULD HEAR YOU ALL THE WAY FROM MY ROOM!
YOU WERE CALLING OUT IN YOUR SLEEP!
I ALMOST THOUGHT THERE WAS A MONSTER IN HERE!
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING REALLY WEIRD LATELY!
IS THERE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
NGH..


I'M NEVER WORRIED ABOUT ANY-THING...
SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT
BUT I STILL HAVE NIGHT-MARES.

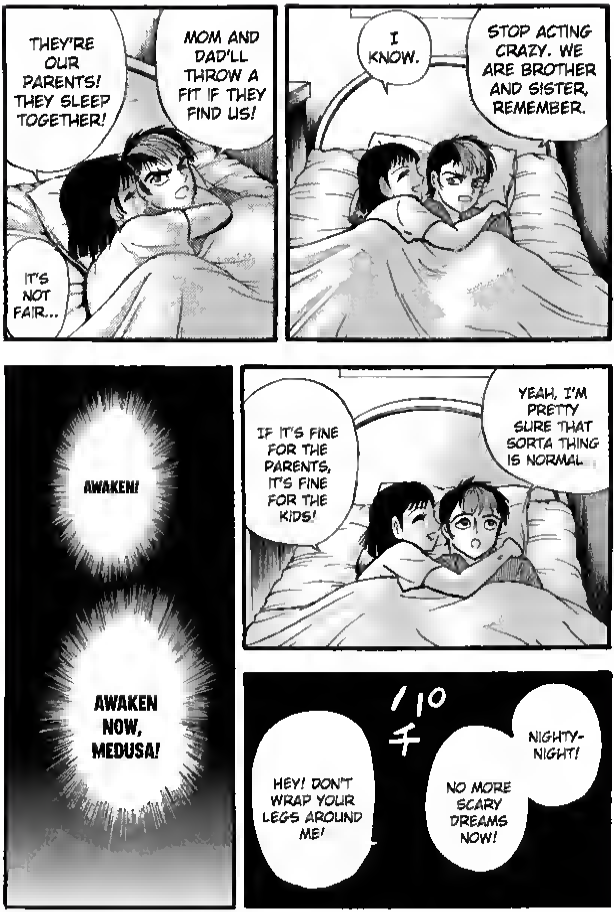

I KEEP HAVING THESE NIGHTMARES I CAN'T MAKE ANY SENSE OF...
HMMM...

SOMETHING WAS... BURNING...
YEAH... THE WHOLE WORLD WAS ENGULGED IN FLAMES...

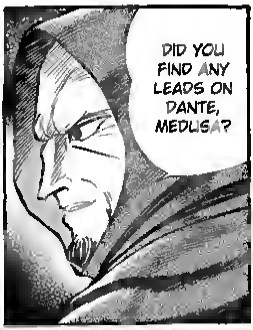
THE FLAMES SEEMED ALIVE! LIKE SOME KIND OF MONSTER...
IT WAS TERRIFY-ING!

C'MON! YOU'RE SHAKING!
HEY...
THERE, THERE! JUST A BAD DREAM!
POOR RYOU!
I KNOW!
YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU? YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO FEAR WITH ME HERE.
I'LL SLEEP WITH YA TO KEEP THE BAD DREAMS AWAY!
WH-!

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'VE NEVER SHARED A BED BEFORE!
IT'S FINE!
COME ON. I KNOW WE'RE BROTHER AND SISTER, BUT THIS IS A BIT MUCH.
GROWING UP WOULD BE NO FUN IF IT MEANT WE HAD TO GIVE UP THINGS LIKE THIS.
AWW... WHO CARES?
THAT WAS WHEN WE WERE KIDS. WE'RE TEENAGERS NOW!
DON'T WORRY; IT'S MAKING ME FEEL FUNNY TOO.
STOP! YOU'VE FILLED OUT! STOP PUSHING YOUR CHEST AGAINST ME!
IT'S MAKING ME FEEL FUNNY!


THEY'RE OUR PARENTS! THEY SLEEP TOGETHER!
MOM AND DAD'LL THROW A FIT IF THEY FIND US!
IT'S NOT FAIR...
I KNOW.
STOP ACTING CRAZY. WE ARE BROTHER AND SISTER, REMEMBER.
AWAKEN!
AWAKEN NOW, MEDUSA!
IF IT'S FINE FOR THE PARENTS, IT'S FINE FOR THE KIDS!
YEAH, I'M PRETTY SURE THAT SORTA THING IS NORMAL
HEY! DON'T WRAP YOUR LEGS AROUND ME!
NO MORE SCARY DREAMS NOW!
NIGHTY-NIGHT!

I DID!


DID YOU FIND ANY LEADS ON DANTE, MEDUSA?

DANTE'S RAGE AND SUPER-HUMAN LEVELS OF TELEPATHY!
IT WAS ONLY FOR AN INST-ANT...BUT I SENSED
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I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND HIM IF I GO IN PERSON!
I MANAGED TO PIN DOWN WHAT AREA HE'S IN.
I SEE .. THAT'S GOOD NEWS!

DANTE IS SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES!

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WHY'D YOU CALL ME HERE, OOSHIBA?
PAYBACK FOR THE SCRAP WITH THE GUARDIAN WHATEVER?
RYOU! PERFECT TIMING. I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
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IT'S MORE IMPORT-ANT THAN THAT!
NOTHING YOU SHOW ME'S GOING TO CON-VINCE ME TO JOIN THE KENDO CLUB.
OH, YEAH? WHAT?
TAKING OFF MY SHOES IS A PAIN...
A SCION OF THE GREAT UTSUGI FAMILY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT...
IT'LL CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD!
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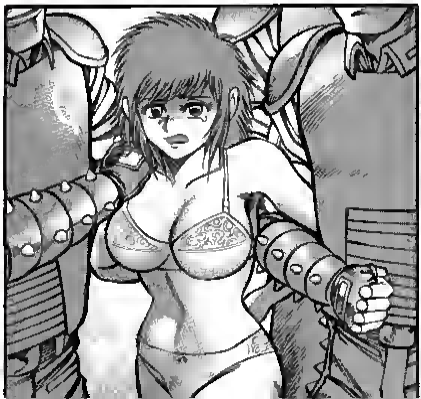
HALT!
ANYWAY! COME IN!

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU ALL. THIS IS THE FAMOUS UTSUGI "LIGHTNING" RYOU.

GO AHEAD
MIND IF I CROSS MY LEGS?
I HATE KNEE-LING.
RYOU, SIT THERE YOU'LL SEE SOON.
YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER, SO FEEL FREE



WHAT!? IT'S THAT GIRL!

REMAIN SEATED!
THAT'S THE GIRL I SAVED! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, OOSHIBA?

TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK, LITSLIG! RYOU!!
AND SEE FOR YOURSELF THAT EVIL DEMONS REALLY EXIST IN THIS WORLD!
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YOU GUYS ARE OUT OF YOUR MINDS!
LOOK ME IN THE EYE, WOMAN!

IN THE RIGHT EYE!
AAAAAAAAA!!

UNGH!
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HA HA HA! SEE, RYOU? THIS IS WHAT THE GIRL YOU SAVED REALLY IS!
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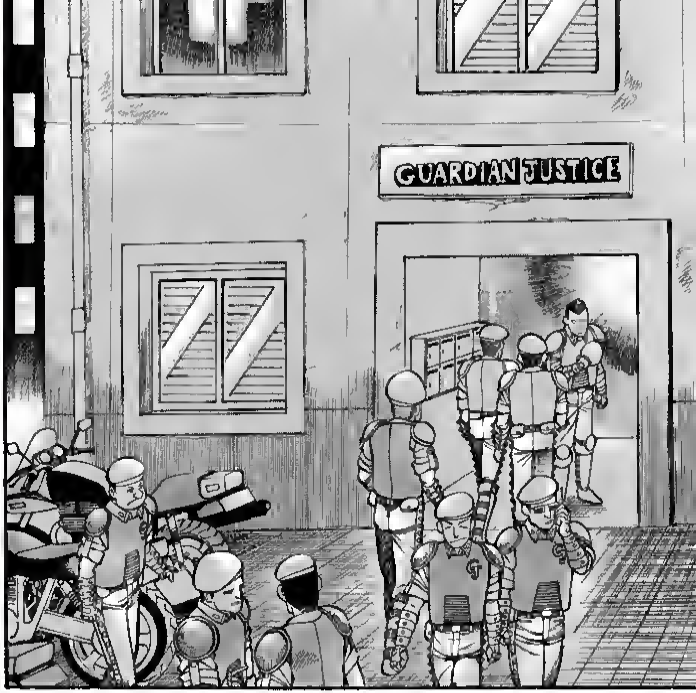
THIS IS INSANE! AM I DREAMING RIGHT NOW!?
AT A REAL DEMON!
TAKE A GOOD, HARD LOOK

YES, SIR!
SHE'S STRONGER THAN I EXPECTED. LEND ME A SWORD!

PAIN! IN MY CHEST? IN MY HEART?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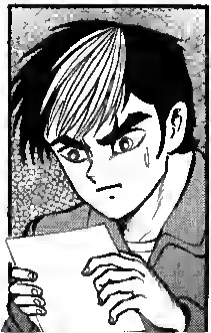


EVEN AFTER YOU SAW IT ALL YOURSELF?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS ALL REAL...

DEMONS REALLY EXIST!

I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA GO CRAZY!
WELL, I WAS THE SAME WAY AT FIRST.

I HAD TO... ONCE I'D SEEN IT ENOUGH TIMES!
BUT I CAME TO ACCEPT IT.

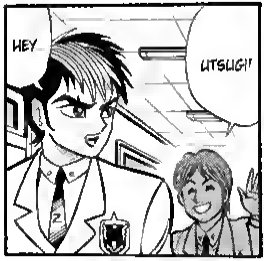
AT TIMES, THEY'VE THREATENED THE HUMAN WORLD. SECRET WARS BETWEEN HUMANS AND DEMONS.
BUT THEY REALLY EXIST! HIDDEN AMONG THE HUMANS!

A WEALTH OF MYTHS, LEGENDS AND FOLKTALES TELL OF THE GROTESQUE MONSTERS CALLED DEMONS. THEY HAVE LONG BEEN CONSIDERED PRODUCTS OF HUMAN IMAGINATION...

THEY'RE STRONG! PHYSICALLY, THEY'RE SUPER-HUMAN!
AND JUST RECENTLY, THEIR NUMBERS HAVE EXPLODED!
THEY CAN ACTUALLY THREATEN THE HUMAN RACE NOW!
WE FORMED GUARDIAN JUSTICE TO PROTECT THIS CITY!
BUT WE'RE NOT JUST GUARDS!
OUR TRUE GOAL IS TO ELIMINATE THE DEMONS!
RYOU! JOIN OUR CAUSE!

THERE'S NO BATTLE WITH A WORTHIER FIGHT!
HUMANITY'S SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON THIS FIGHT!

WILL YOU LEND US YOUR AID!?
WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR POWER!


HEY
UTSUGI!

I JUST GOT HERE
NO
SEEN THE NEW LADY TEACHER!?

I KNEW SHE'S A NEW TEACHER BECAUSE SHE MADE A BEELINE FOR THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
PROBABLY FILLING IN FOR MS. OGINO IN WORLD HISTORY. SHE'S ON MATERNITY LEAVE.
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THAT SO? I'LL SEE HER SOON THEN.
I ENTERED OUR FINE SCHOOL IN HOPES OF MEETING A HOTTIE LIKE HER.
TALL, THIN, BIG TITS, AND SHE WEARS A MINISKIRT.
BINGO.
YOU JUST MADE THAT UP.
DANTE!
HUH?

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I'M UTSUGI RYOU!
HUH?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

SO... WHADDYA WANT?
MY NAME IS MEDOU SAORI. I'M A NEW TEACHER HERE
UTSUGI RYOU... I SEE.

YA KNOW HER?
WHOAH... RYOU...
NO...
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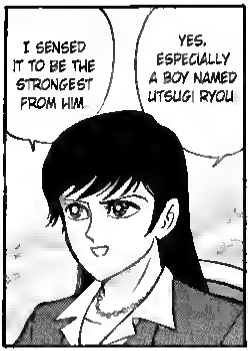
GOOD-BYE
THIS IS YOUR CLASS? THEN WE'LL BE SEEING EACH OTHER.

BUT SHE SEEMS ODDLY FAMILIAR.

NO, HE IS DANTE IS IN ZETTO ACADEMY.
I FEEL LIKE HE WAS!
WAS DANTE THERE THEN?
HOW DID IT GO?
THAT'S A RISKY MOVE!
THOSE PEOPLE CAUGHT MY MENTAL CALL FOR "DANTE."
SEVERAL PEOPLE HEARD MY TELEPATHY AND RETURNED TO LOOK!
I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT I'LL TRY TO AVOID USING DANTE'S NAME.
THERE ARE POWERFUL PSYCHICS AMONG THE GODS AS WELL!
WE ARE NOT THE ONLY TELEPATHS!

I'LL CAREFULLY INVESTIGATE THE FEW WHO RESPONDED.
AND SEE IF ANY OF THEM HAVE POWERS?

WHAT? WHY NOT?
UTSUGI? WAIT THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT.


I SENSED IT TO BE THE STRONGEST FROM HIM.
YES. ESPECIALLY A BOY NAMED UTSUGI RYOU

HE SERVES THE GODS!?
HE RUNS A MAJOR HOSPITAL, AND ALSO LEADS GOD'S SOUL, A CULT WORKING TO REVIVE THE GODS!
IN THIS CITY, UTSUGI MEANS UTSUGI KOUSUKE. EVERY-ONE KNOWS HIM.
THE HEIR TO GOD'S SOUL!
RYOU MUST BE KOUSUKE'S SON.
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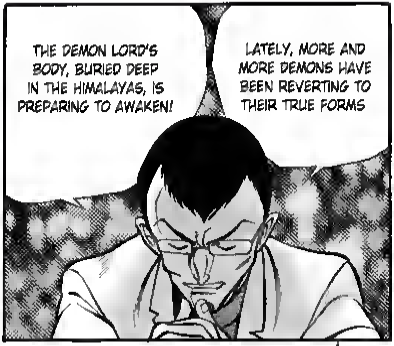
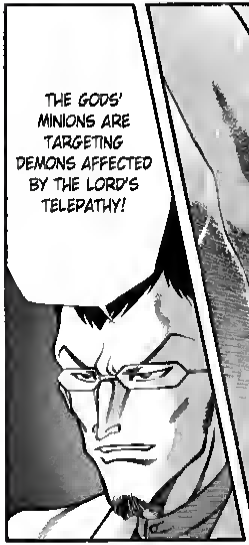
ONE OF THE THIRTEEN APOSTLES!
YES. HE'S LIKELY TO BE
IT'S NOT IMPO-SSIBLE, BUT...
I WAS SO SURE HE WAS...
THAT CAN'T BE!

WHEN DANTE'S SOUL REINCARNATED, HE MAY HAVE WISHED TO BE BORN INTO A KEY ENEMY FAMILY FOR SOME REASON OF HIS OWN...
THE REVERSE IS ALSO POSSIBLE.

EITHER WAY, RASH CONTACT WITH THE UTSUGI WOULD BE DANGEROUS...STILL...WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!

THE GODS MAY HAVE TRIED TO BRING DANTE TO THEIR SIDE TO PREVENT HIS REBIRTH.


THE DEMON LORD'S BODY, BURIED DEEP IN THE HIMALAYAS, IS PREPARING TO AWAKEN!
LATELY, MORE AND MORE DEMONS HAVE BEEN REVERTING TO THEIR TRUE FORMS


THE GODS' MINIONS ARE TARGETING DEMONS AFFECTED BY THE LORD'S TELEPATHY!

AS IT STIRS, IT EMITS A MIGHTY TELEPATHIC SIGNAL!
IT'S AN IRRESISTIBLE IMPULSE THAT BRINGS OUR DEMON NATURE TO THE FORE.
AND GLOBAL WARMING IS ACCLERATING THE DEMON LORD'S AWAKENING!